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Mr. Speaker, I commend the City of Adel and urge my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the community on this award and wishing them nothing but continued success.

2ND LIEUTENANT AUDIE MURPHY—
TUESDAYS IN TEXAS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the Medal of Honor is the highest military honor that can be bestowed on an American. Harry Truman once commented that he would prefer to have the blue band of the Medal of Honor around his neck than be President. To receive the medal is not to win a contest, for the forum in which this medal is given is the contest to preserve liberty. It is a contest that no individual competitor could win; rather it is struggled for by the diligence, bravery, and sacrifice of millions of Americans. Nor is it a contest that is ever finished. It is an eternal struggle. Every generation of Americans has given of her sons and daughters to contribute to it. That is why Medal of Honor recipients are never said to have "won" the honor, but they have received it from a grateful nation, out of recognition of their distinguished contribution to our shared and continued fight for freedom.

Next week, Farmersville, TX, a small town in Hunt County, will celebrate the life of one of its sons, who came home the most decorated soldier of WWII. Audie Murphy's story of service starts early. When he was only 17 years old he had his sister assist him in falsifying his birth certificate so that he could meet the minimum age requirement for enlisting in the military. Like millions of Americans in the mid 40's, Murphy was eager to answer the call of his country.

Before long Murphy earned the rank of 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army and was given command of Company B. In France during the early winter of 1945, Murphy's company was attacked by 6 German tanks and waves of infantry. Murphy ordered his men back into the cover of the woods, while he remained forward to give firing directions to artillery by telephone. Murphy then climbed into a burning tank and, despite the risk that the tank could explode at any moment, he began to use its .50 caliber machine gun to ward off the enemy. Murphy was alone and exposed to enemy fire on three sides. Against all odds, he succeeded in single-handedly holding the enemy back for an hour.

The citation that comes with Murphy's Medal of Honor, awarded for his actions that

day, tells us that despite a gunshot wound to the leg he fought until his ammunition was exhausted. He then made his way back to his company, refusing medical attention, and organized a counter attack that would prove successful and force the Germans to withdraw.

The contest for freedom is not a sprint. It is a relay that spans generations, and the champions of each generation should be honored for their service and sacrifice. We owe a debt of gratitude to all of those who fight for our freedom, and we honor individuals like 2nd Lt. Audie Murphy for their distinguished contribution.

And that is just the way it is.

TRIBUTE TO THE CITY OF ATLANTIC

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Atlantic, Iowa for its recognition as a 2015 Tree City USA sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry program (the Forest Service).

The City of Atlantic has met the core standards for tree care during the past year. Over 135 million Americans live in Tree USA communities. In its 40th year of celebration, the Tree City USA program is critical to the U.S. Forest Service. This federal partner delivers technical and financial resources to states, cities and communities across the nation with each community adhering to a State Action Plan, guiding investments in each state while accomplishing local projects and programs.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I missed Roll Call vote numbers 306 through 333 because I was speaking at my grandson's graduation. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall No.	H.R./H. Res.	Vote
306	H.R. 5293 Shuster Amendment No. 2	No
307	H.R. 5293 Ellison Amendment No. 9	Yes
308	H.R. 5293 Rogers Amendment No. 12	No
309	H.R. 5293 Quigley Amendment No. 13	Yes
310	H.R. 5293 O'Rourke Amendment No. 16	Yes
311	H.R. 5293 Huffman Amendment No. 17	Yes
312	H.R. 5293 Poe Amendment No. 19	No

Rollcall No.	H.R./H. Res.	Vote
313	H.R. 5293 Sanford Amendment No. 21	No
314	H.R. 5293 Buck Amendment No. 22	No
315	H.R. 5293 Byrne Amendment No. 24	No
316	H.R. 5293 King Amendment No. 25	No
317	H.R. 5293 Gosar Amendment No. 26	No
318	H.R. 5293 King Amendment No. 27	No
319	H.R. 5293 Lamborn Amendment No. 29	No
320	H.R. 5293 Massie Amendment No. 30	No
321	H.R. 5293 Massie Amendment No. 31	Yes
322	H.R. 5293 McClintock Amendment No. 32	No
323	H.R. 5293 Mulvaney Amendment No. 33	Yes
324	H.R. 5293 DeSantis Amendment No. 34	No
325	H.R. 5293 Rohrabacher Amendment No. 36	No
326	H.R. 5293 Walberg Amendment No. 37	No
327	H.R. 5293 Conyers Amendment No. 40	Yes
328	H.R. 5293 Gabbard Amendment No. 42	No
329	H.R. 5293 McGovern Amendment No. 44	Yes
330	H.R. 5293 Lee Amendment No. 45	Yes
331	H.R. 5293 Polis Amendment No. 46	Yes
332	H.R. 5293	No
333	H.R. 5471	Yes

TRIBUTE TO THE CITY OF BONDURANT

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Bondurant, Iowa for its recognition as a 2015 Tree City USA sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry program (the Forest Service).

The City of Bondurant has met the core standards for tree care during the past year. Over 135 million Americans live in Tree USA communities. In its 40th year of celebration, the Tree City USA program is critical to the U.S. Forest Service. This federal partner delivers technical and financial resources to states, cities and communities across the nation with each community adhering to a State Action Plan, guiding investments in each state while accomplishing local projects and programs.

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TRIBUTE TO MADISON HANCE

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Madison Hance of Creston High School. Madison was recently honored for outstanding academic achievement at the Fourteenth Annual Governor's Scholar Recognition on May 1, 2016.

This statewide program is sponsored by the Iowa Governor's Office, the Iowa High School Athletic Association and the Iowa Farm Bureau. Each Iowa High School was invited to select a senior with the highest academic ranking. Not only are they academically gifted,